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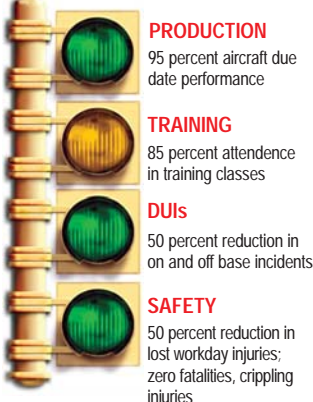
Under the new wing structure, each group has several Common Access Card PIN Reset Trusted Agents (CTAs) who can perform the reset function. The Information Technology office at Robins has set up several site locations around the base for reset support. Computer users who experience problems with their CAC PIN must first contact their CTA. CTAs and users must accompany each other to one of the site locations to perform the reset function. A list of CTAs is available on Robins' IT working group site at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/irmt/>. Click on the "CAC PIN Reset Trusted Agent (CTA)" link for your group or wing CTA. If your group or wing does not have an appointed CTA listed, you can go by the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section for reset assistance or call 327-7361 ext. 1, 2. For more information, call Juanita Griffin at 926-8562 or Cassandra Bowick at 222-2033.

Elementary school
registration going on now

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children at Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. School starts Aug. 9. To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1; for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1; and for first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1. For more information, call 926-5003.

ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



WHAT IT MEANS
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of July 13.
U.S. Air Force graphic by REV-UP STAFF

USO tour brings stars to base

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A couple of good ole boys and their favorite cousin, Daisy Duke, will be stopping in to say "hi" to the troops Tuesday.

Jessica Simpson (Daisy Duke), Johnny Knoxville (Luke Duke) and Seann William Scott (Bo Duke) will meet with troops and make an appearance at the base theater, where nearly 500 military and Defense Department civilians, who were selected by unit commanders, will watch the "Dukes of Hazzard" movie for the first time. The movie, based on the TV show that ran from 1979-1985, opens nationwide Aug. 5.

As part of a United Service Organization tour, the actors will interact with Airmen at Robins during "Talk time with the Troops," a half-hour session that will give about 1,500 service-members face time with the celebrities and production team.

Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office noncommissioned officer in charge, who helped organize the event, said it should bring a lot of smiles to everyone's faces.

"It's going to be an interactive session where the troops can ask questions of any of the celebrities - so that should be fun for everybody," he said.

"The event is open to all military, but everyone who attends must be in uniform," said Sergeant Bahret. "People who are not in uniform or who don't have their military ID card will not be allowed in.



From left, Jessica Simpson as Daisy Duke, Johnny Knoxville as Luke Duke and Seann William Scott as Bo Duke star in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' action comedy 'The Dukes of Hazzard.'

WHAT TO KNOW

Stars from the 'Dukes of Hazzard' movie will visit Robins Tuesday, as part of a USO tour visiting three military installations. At Robins, the celebrities will: get a glimpse of Robins' missions; host a 30-minute 'Talk Time with the Troops', where military members can interact with the cast and production team; offer a pre-screening of the 'Dukes of Hazzard' movie at the base theater for nearly 500 military and civilian employees. Unit commanders, first sergeants and supervisors will distribute tickets to the premiere. The location for the 'Talk time with the Troops' will be announced Tuesday through e-mail. The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron will provide transportation. People attending 'Talk Time with the Troops' may take photos with personal cameras, but cameras are not allowed in the base theater.

"It's going to be a first-come, first-served event that starts at 4:15 p.m., so people

need to be in place an hour ahead of time," he explained. The 78th Logistics

Readiness Squadron is providing several buses to transport people to and from the event. Shuttles begin at 2:30 p.m. and will run continuously until 3:45 p.m. The shuttles will not run during the event.

"Once 'Talk time' ends, the shuttles will resume transportation returning the troops to their respective locations," said Sergeant Bahret.

The shuttle will stop at Building 2051, the northwest corner of Building 301, the corner of Perry and First Street, and at the Enlisted Club. Signs will be posted at each location designating the

pickup location.

Sergeant Bahret said an additional opportunity is available for people to meet the celebrities.

"Due to the limited seating, only 498 people will be allowed inside the theater to view the premiere," said Sergeant Bahret. "As the celebrities enter, people outside will have the chance to meet the stars and maybe even shake their hands."

Tickets for the movie premiere are being distributed through commanders, supervisors and first sergeants.

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Paint-depaint facility on track for completion by December 2006

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Construction of the \$72 million Corrosion Control Paint and Depaint Facility, just north of gate 1, is on schedule, according to 778th Civil Engineer Squadron project officials.

Crews broke ground on the facility, which will house two 65,000 square-foot bays designed to accommodate aircraft as large as the C-5, in late August, and expect to bring paint

processes for cargo aircraft under one roof by December 2006.

Jerry Thovson, mechanical engineer with the 778th CES and base project manager for the military construction project, said the project has been a success.

"We're currently 30 percent complete on construction of the facility, so we're on target for our December completion date, despite all of the recent rain in the area," he said. "The structural scale for the facility is up and installed. Now they're working

on the steel structure for the paint hangar bay.... After that, it's basically going to be everybody working everything from the interior, utility systems, etc., which should happen within the next two to three months."

The facility, designed by the Austin Company, a Houston, Texas-based design company, and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will provide a covered, environmentally-controlled area for maintenance workers to strip paint from air-

craft bodies and repaint them.

"The double bay facility has the support features, such as the air handlers, air compressors and things like that in between the two bays," said Steve Hensley, a 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group industrial engineer. "Each of the bays has storage areas for chemicals used in the facility and equipment to work on the planes."

Mr. Hensley said the new facility will be a great benefit to the aircraft maintenance mission.

"One of the things we're especially looking forward to is having a facility big enough that you don't have to disassemble an aircraft to get it in there, because it's designed to handle the largest aircraft we have, which is the C-5," he said. "The flow will be much more even, so when we're painting and depainting the C-5, it will cut down on the turbulence and overspray, which will help with the recirculation of air."

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Reservist fulfills dream to serve country, play professional football

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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There were two things Ben Miller wanted to do with his life. One was to serve his country; the other was to play in the National Football League.

While achieving both of those goals in a lifetime may seem a bit far-fetched, the six-foot-three-inch-tall, 265-pound Miller said "no sweat."

While here completing his first duty commitment as an Air Force Reserve

Command Public Affairs Office individual mobilization augmentee, or IMA, 1st Lt. Miller shared his story of living two dreams with local students.

"The first thing I always tell kids is to set their goals high," he said. "This playing football in the NFL was always a high goal of mine - one that I never knew if I would be able to reach. But, through hard work and commitment to any goal kids can do anything. That's important for all

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Ben Miller is an Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs Office Individual Mobilization Augmentee and a fullback for the Cleveland Browns. IMAs are called to active duty individually, instead of as a unit.

THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 436 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

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STARS

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“The actors will arrive at 5:30 p.m.; ticket-holders need to be in their seats an hour prior to that,” he said.

Movie ticket holders must be in their seats on time or the chance to see the “Dukes of Hazzard” movie may be lost to a stargazer standing in the crowd outside, Sergeant Bahret said.

While the excitement of having a little bit of Hollywood at Robins may be high, Sergeant Bahret encourages everyone to show their utmost professionalism at the afternoon event.

“Unfortunately, with such a tight schedule, the actors won’t be able to make contact with everyone,” he said. “We just ask that everyone treat them with respect just like you would if these people were guests in your home.”

Mike Deerhake, Army Air Force Exchange Service general manager, said he’s excited to show the movie and give Robins a chance to see the stars.

“I think it’s great that these celebrities are actually coming in and taking the time to meet and greet troops who have done so much for our country,” he said.

Bernie Rone, director of

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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Shuttle stops

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recruiting for USO Celebrity Entertainment, said the USO has worked with Warner Bros. Studios in the past to bring movie screenings to troops in Bosnia, Hawaii and Central Command. Now, they’ll bring that experience to troops in Middle Georgia.

“People in the industry understand that there are a lot of people not only overseas but also in the States who are

directly impacted by what we’re doing over in Iraq and protecting our freedom around the world,” he said.

Mr. Rone said with Robins’ being geographically located near the tour’s path, it made the base an obvious choice for Warner Bros.

“It brings a lot of cheer to the base, and it’s just great for folks to meet the stars and get a free showing prior to the release of the movie,” he said.

Col. Greg Patterson, Robins Air Force Base Commander, said he’s looking forward to the star-studded visit.

“We are excited to host the cast,” he said. “We’re looking forward to showing these three stars and the production team what Team Robins does and highlighting our contributions to this great country.”

Colonel Patterson said even with the group’s tight schedule, Robins and the USO are doing all they can to help the base get the most out of the visit.

“Although we have them for only three hours, their schedule is very aggressive to ensure as many members as possible of the Team Robins family will be able to participate in this experience,” Colonel Patterson said. “We thank the USO and Warner Bros. for selecting Robins for this visit.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Construction of the Corrosion Control Paint-Depaint facility is on schedule for completion in December 2006.

FACILITY

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Desi Maldonado, 402nd Maintenance Support Group infrastructure long-range planning engineer, said the hangar, will be located between buildings 43 and 44.

“It’s going to posture us in such a way that we’ll be able to paint and depaint aircraft simultaneously, where we can’t do that now,” he said.

Mr. Hensley said the new

building will include a separate facility where parts as large as horizontal stabilizers can be painted, which will remove constraints on the work flow.

In addition, the double-bay hangar will enable workers to use “plastic grit” to remove paint - a more environmentally-friendly paint process.

Mr. Thovson said sensors that detect health problems with workers, safety features and redundant systems all work together to ensure a healthy work environment for maintenance

workers.

Mr. Maldonado said the facility will help Robins to “Lean” forward.

“This will afford us the opportunity to implement our Lean initiatives, by reducing the movement of aircraft and aircraft components,” he said. “It will provide inside dock position for aircraft to increase efficiency. Part of it is to Lean our back shops, by using the right size equipment, update processes, update technology used, and afford us cellular flow.”

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kids to know.”

The 25-year-old Columbia Station, Ohio, native was serving a two-year active-duty commitment when he was signed as an undrafted rookie free agent by the Cleveland Browns.

Having one of his dreams fulfilled, he continued his service to his country by completing the Air Force Academy where he played offensive lineman, and then went on to his first duty assignment at Wright-Patterson.

“All NFL teams have a military

WHAT TO KNOW

Individual mobilization augmentees are Air Force Reservists who are attached to active duty units for training and mission support. They’re called to active duty individually, instead of as a unit.

Reserve list, and I was on that during the season,” he said. “I would take leave to go to training camp for two to three weeks and then come back and work in the Air Force for the year.”

During that service time he worked as an acquisitions officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. When

his service commitment was up, Lieutenant Miller didn’t want to say goodbye to the military completely, so he decided to become a part of the IMA program.

“It was an option I had when I separated from active-duty and being able to play football and still be in the Air Force Reserve was something that appealed to me,” he said.

IMAs are Air Force Reservists attached to active duty units for training and mission support. They work alongside the active duty force in many career fields and are called to active duty individually, instead of as a unit.

For the past week and a half he has been in-processing to the IMA program and to the AFRC public affairs office. He also attended several youth and football camps and toured the Junior ROTC program here.

“I’ve been just talking to the kids and encouraging them to stay in school and work hard,” he said.

Lieutenant Miller said he thinks the program is a good fit for him and the Air Force.

“I’m happy with this choice,” he said. “I think it’s great for both sides, for me and for the Air Force Reserve. I’ve been learning the ins and outs of the public affairs office and getting a

little bit of experience talking to groups of kids. I think that will be very useful for me in the future.”

The fullback said he sees a parallel between his two loves.

“I think there are so many similarities between the Air Force team and the football team,” he said. “They both take hard work, commitment and teamwork. Those are very important, but of course my commitment to the Air Force will always come first before an athletic event or sport.”

The lieutenant finished his first week of service Wednesday and headed back to Cleveland where he will begin camp Monday.

Former Robins employee part of history-making senior leadership changes in AFMC

By **KATHLEEN A. K. LOPEZ**
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – An Air Force announcement Monday will go down in Air Force Materiel Command’s history books.

The three individuals affected, in their current positions, are: Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski, whose third star was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Saturday, commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Robert J. Conner, AFMC executive director; and Barbara A. Westgate, AFMC Plans and Programs director.

General Gabreski will become the first woman to be AFMC vice commander when she replaces Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, who is retiring..

She will work with General Martin to fulfill the AFMC headquarters’ leadership mission, which is to shape its work force and infrastructure to develop, field and sustain war-winning expeditionary capabilities.

“This command is comprised of dedicated military professionals and Air Force civilians who give their very best each and every day to fulfill the mission,” she said. “I’m deeply honored to represent them as AFMC vice commander.”

“The AFMC vision is to be a valued member of the world’s most respected Air and Space Force. Of course, our performance determines our value,” she said. “I’m looking forward to working with the headquarters staff to help develop, field and sustain the kind of war-winning expeditionary capabilities that are second to none for our nation’s warfighters.”

General Gabreski is expected to report to AFMC headquarters in August.

Replacing General Gabreski is Mr. Conner, AFMC executive director. He will become the OC-ALC director, a new position that fills the commander role. He has presided in

THE CHANGES

►**Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski** from commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to AFMC vice commander.

►**Robert J. Conner** from AFMC executive director to OC-ALC director, a new position that fills the commander role.

►**Barbara A. Westgate** from AFMC Plans and Programs director to AFMC executive director.

his current position since August 2004.

Becoming OC-ALC director puts Mr. Conner in a distinct category. Technically, he is the second civilian Airman to assume the senior leadership position over any AFMC air logistics, product or test centers. The first was Jim Barone, who, in 2001, was appointed director, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan AFB, Calif.

By looking at both military and SES resources, Air Force leadership feels it is better able to achieve the best leadership mix for the service. Doing so allows senior leadership flexibility to find the right person to fill the right job at the right time for total force development.

Mr. Conner began working for the Air Force in August 1974 at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. He first worked at the command level in 1976, where he was a logistics staff officer, and later, chief, Avionics Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics Operations, Air Force Logistics Command, headquartered here. In 1992, AFLC consolidated with Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to become AFMC.

Mr. Conner will oversee the largest of AFMC’s three air logistics centers. He will be responsible for the center’s combat sustainment, aircraft sustainment and maintenance wings. He will ensure the cen-

ter provides depot maintenance, weapon system acquisition and sustainment, purchasing and supply chain management, as well as installation, services and information support.

Barbara A. Westgate, AFMC Plans and Programs director, replaced Mr. Conner Wednesday. She will be the first woman to hold the command’s executive director title and the third person to hold the position.

Mrs. Westgate entered civil service in 1973 as a GS-03 secretary who advanced her career through participation in various upward mobility programs available at Wright-Patterson. She re-joined AFMC headquarters, after a 14-year assignment at the Pentagon holding leadership positions on Air Staff, Secretariat and Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, culminating in her assignment as the Associate Director of Programs.

As AFMC executive director Mrs. Westgate, who also is a member of the Senior Executive Service, will advise General Martin in managing all aspects of the command’s mission. Additionally, she will work to guide the command’s civilian Airmen. AFMC has the highest percentage of civilian employees of all the Air Force’s major commands. She will advise Generals Martin and Gabreski on the command’s civilian workforce and union relations.

“My two predecessors, Dr. Dan Stewart and Mr. Robert Conner, served as champions of our civilian work force,” Mrs. Westgate said. “As a career civil servant, I will work hard to continue in their footsteps and strive to make sure our Air Force civilians are given the tools and opportunities to make their careers successful while at the same time accomplishing the AFMC mission.”

'The gift of life'



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The Armed Services Blood Program Blood Drive was held at Robins July 15 at Cotton Auditorium in Building 301 East Wing and at the Smith Community Center. The program is a Defense Department-wide program that gives people working at military installations a chance to donate up to one pint of blood to servicemembers serving overseas and those being treated in military hospitals within the U.S. One-hundred fifteen units of blood were collected at Robins, according to Erin Hawkins, a donor recruiter with the program at Kendrick Memorial Blood Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. 'Since the Korean War, the military blood program has provided more than 1.5 million units of blood to treat sick and injured servicemembers on the battlefield,' Ms. Hawkins said. 'Today, we maintain fresh and frozen blood, so we can get those supplies to them rapidly and reliably.' Above, Jane Stoner, WRALC/XPPX, donates a pint of blood at the Smith Community Center.

Healthy Start School Screenings begin Saturday

Healthy Start School Screenings (formerly known as Operation Save A Child) for the 2005-2006 school year will begin Saturday.

All new students entering the school system are required to have hearing, vision and dental screenings, and immunizations. Health care providers and the Security Forces' Crime Prevention Unit will provide the following services for eligible dependents of active duty and retired personnel: ID cards and fingerprinting, dental vision,

hearing, scoliosis screenings; height, weight, and blood pressure measurements and immunizations.

The schedule is as follows:

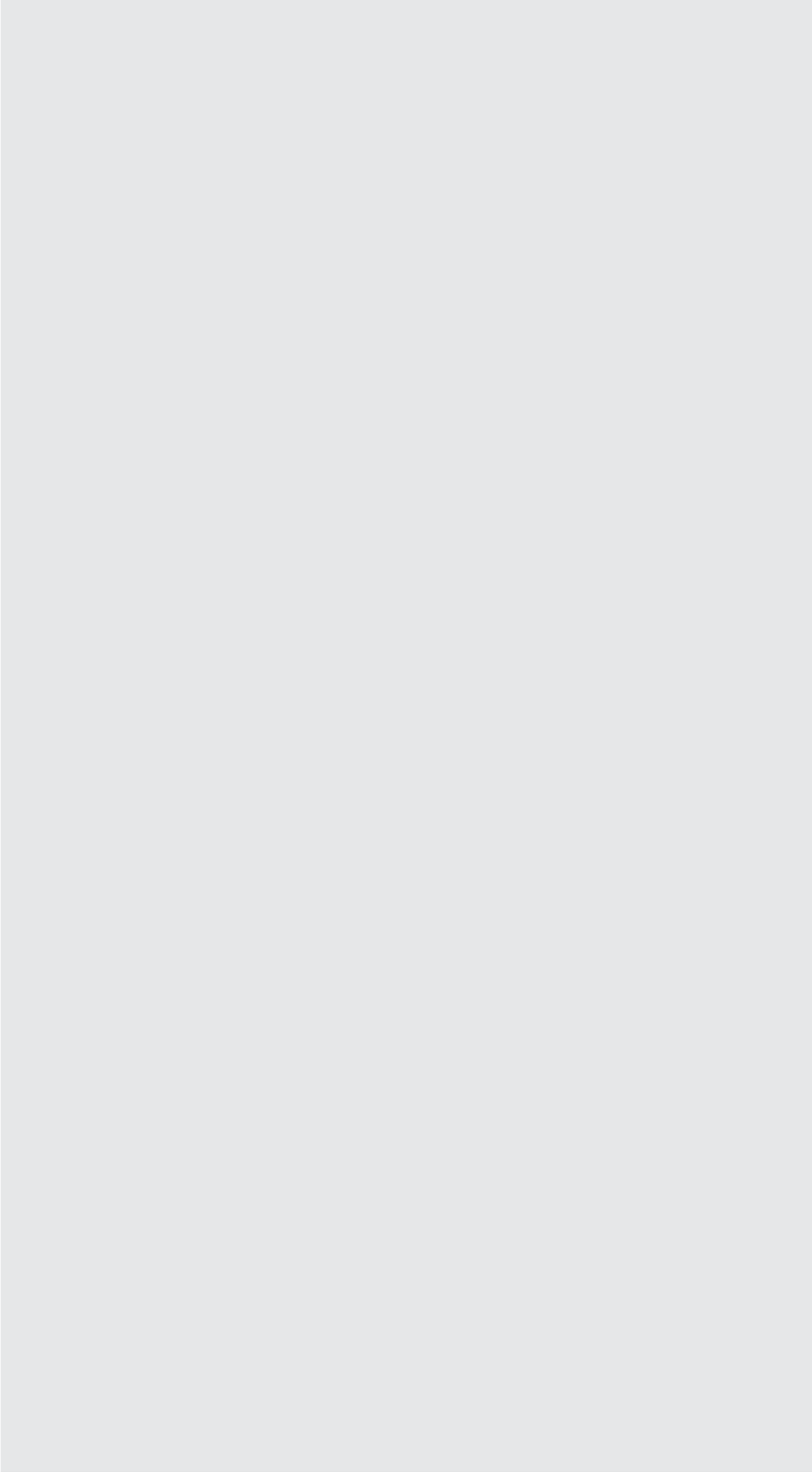
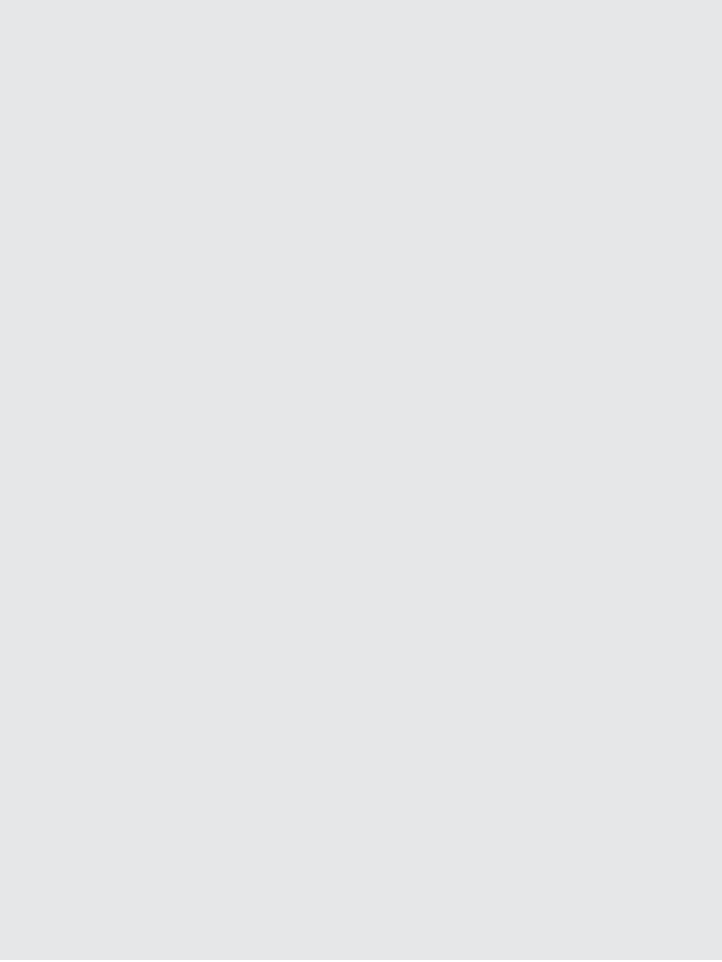
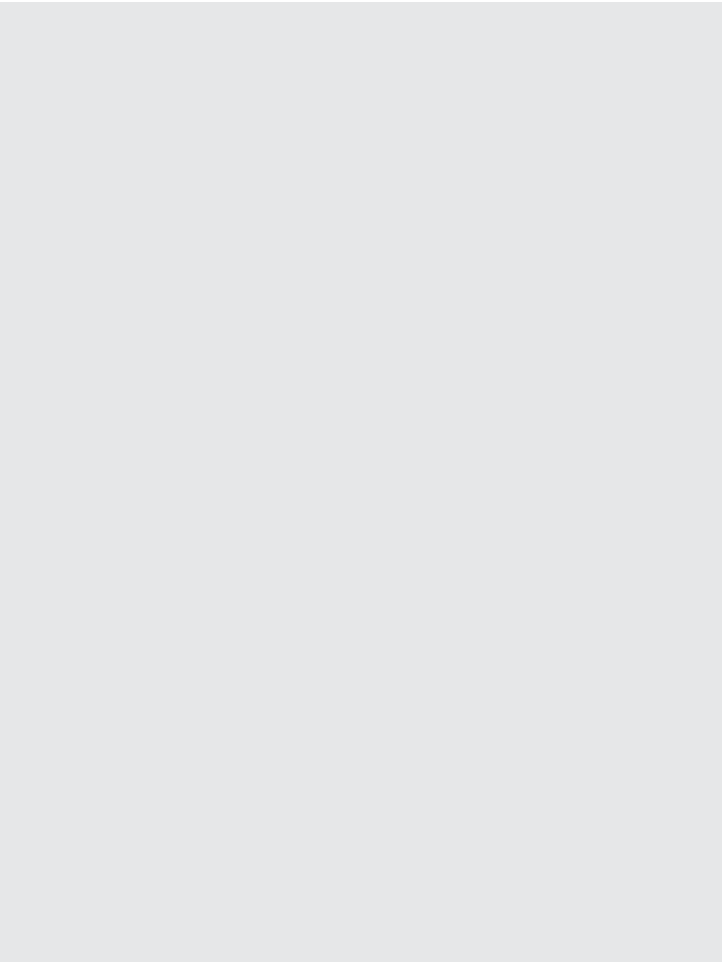
►New Houston County schools students

Saturday and Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-noon, 78th Medical Clinic, Building 700A

►New Robins Elementary School students

Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Robins Elementary School

– *From staff reports*



AF accepting physician assistant, physical therapy applications

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force is taking applications for physician assistant Phase I training classes in beginning January, April and August 2007.

The selection board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here March 21, 2006. Completed applications must be sent by military personnel flights and arrive no later than Jan. 27 at HQ AFPC/

DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729.

For more information, Airmen can contact their local military personnel flight, education office or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm.

The Air Force is also taking applications for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

which begins Dec. 17, 2006, at the Health Science Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Only active-duty Airmen who possess a baccalaureate degree or those who are in the final semester before receiving a degree that includes this program’s prerequisites may apply.

The selection board is scheduled to convene at AFPC in December. Completed applications must be sent by military

personnel flights and arrive no later than Nov. 25 at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB, TX, 78150-4729.

For more information on program prerequisites, including required coursework and application procedures, Airmen can visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/ptweb05.doc/.

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NOTICE

OPM SETS NEW RULES GOVERNING PAY SETTING FOR GS EMPLOYEES

The Office of Personnel Management has amended the rules governing pay setting for employees covered by the General Schedule. These rules implement section 301 of the Federal Work force Flexibility Act of 2004, and have been implemented retroactive to May 1, 2005. Their primary purpose is to correct various pay administration anomalies, many due to not treating locality rates as rates of basic pay.

A few of the key changes made by the Act and OPM's regulations, and their resulting impact to our work force include:

■Locality rate (basic pay plus locality pay), instead of basic pay, is now considered in applying pay-setting rules including promotion, transfer and pay retention. As a result Non-GS employees moving to GS positions may be set in a lower step and fewer actions will result in pay retention since locality rate is higher than basic pay.

■Locality pay may not be paid in addition to a retained rate. Therefore, those employees placed on pay retention will no longer receive locality pay. Those employees on pay retention prior to May 1, 2005 will not have their pay reduced.

■Entitlement to a special salary rate ceases if the employee is entitled to a higher locality rate. Employees moved from the special salary rate schedule to the locality rate schedule will not see a reduction in pay (other than incentives such as retention). This movement, however, may result in a lower step upon promotion.

■When an employees official worksite changes, their rate of pay must be converted, based on their current position, to the pay schedule at the new location, prior to other actions (employees will be paid based on the pay schedule of their new worksite). Possible reduction in rate of pay, as a result of transfer, is not a basis for pay retention.

To quickly identify those affected, DPC established a pay team dedicated to this effort and are actively moving forward to assess and implement these changes. DPC understands the impact this may have on employees, and any bargaining obligations will be fulfilled appropriately at command or local level. Members of the pay team will meet personally with those employees negatively impacted by the retroactive changes.

bridging the gap

Joint exercise helps improve interoperability between U.S., British forces



Above, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jackson and Senior Aircraftman Michael McCann examine a radio shot. Below, chief technician Dai Davies works on updates to the manual for tactical communications interoperability.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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Members of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron welcomed 20 British troops from Royal Air Force Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, England's Tactical Communications Wing last week as the second leg of the race toward interoperability between the two coalition forces began.

The goal of the visit was to take part in an exercise coined "United Architecture: Bridging the Gap." The purpose of the exercise was to learn the best methods for sharing information and becoming more operationally efficient and effective in a deployed environment.

"This is the second exercise we've had this (fiscal) year," said Capt. Jason Hicks, 51st CBCS information systems flight commander. "In November, the 51st CBCS went over to England and took part in our first interoperability exercise."

The goal of that exercise was to come up with a way to get U.S. deployable communications equipment to



Capt. Jason Hicks is the 51st CBCS information systems flight commander.



Flight Lt. Rob Braybrook is the Royal Air Force technical lead.

interoperate with its British counterpart thereby reducing the amount of equipment required when deploying.

Before, the two sets of equipment essentially spoke different languages and an Air Force exchange officer was needed to translate information in order for the two countries to communicate with each other.

Another goal was to reduce the number of instruments needed by a com-

mander to communicate in a deployed environment.

According to Captain Hicks at one time commanders needed three telephones on their desk in order to communicate effectively, that number has now been reduced to one.

"The benefit to us is it's a cost savings because the less equipment we have to take in theater, the less people we have to expose to danger," said Captain Hicks.

"The product of the first exercise was an interoperability manual that spells out for the technicians how to recreate the interoperating systems they fielded in November."

The first portion of the exercise was spent validating the information in the interoperability manual.

Flight Lt. Rob Braybrook, RAF technical lead, was involved with the first exercise and said he is extremely pleased with the overall results.

"We started work just less than a year ago and what we've done is get all of our equipment and all of our really clever guys into the same hangar in order to put our equipment together so



we can talk to each other on operations and make sure we can provide more efficient operational capability," he said.

Captain Hicks said RAF and USAF troops have deployed together several times, but until the exercises had never really looked at sharing

each other's infrastructure.

"This way it simplifies the services we'd have to put at any given base," he said. "Less airlift, less people."

Lieutenant Braybrook said the idea makes perfect sense.

"We are basically interoperating and working together as closely as we can because we are coalition partners. We need to be able to work closely when we are on deployed operations," he said.

The two agreed that the mission has been successful.

"We went further in the first two days than we expected to go in the entire two weeks," said Captain Hicks.

"We were able to build on the work we did in England and everything worked better than expected, so it's very, very good," said Lieutenant Braybrook. "What it's proved is that with proper planning and coordination between the two countries we can really achieve our goals."

According to Captain Hicks the journey does not end here.

"We are now looking to do this on a yearly basis alternating between the two locations," he said.

Exchange Officer Program helps Robins, Royal Air Force share information

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Flight Lt. Keith Cranswick, commanding officer of the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing's J-Flight at Royal Air Force Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, England, will serve as a 5th Combat Communications project engineer through the Air Force's Exchange Officer Program for the next three years.

The British officer, who arrived here with his wife Christine and son Adam in mid-July, said he's excited about the opportunity to learn more about how the 5th MOB works and gain a better understanding of American culture.

"I'm enjoying it so far," he said. "We've elected to live out in the community in Warner Robins itself so we can see the whole cultural aspects of living life in the U.S.A, rather than just the military community

Above everything, everyone is really friendly here at every single turn without exception - and that has continued since we arrived here."

Second Lt. Colin Williams, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron Operations and Plans Flight officer in charge is helping Lieutenant Cranswick's family make Middle Georgia his home away from home.

Lieutenant Williams said the Royal Air Force officer will add a lot to the unit.

"With his engineering background, we're going to have him in our Operations and Plans Flight," he said. "He'll be doing engineering and integration and handling all satellite access requests whenever we need to get satellite times for satellite links. He'll also be doing network support and information protection operations."

The program is the first of its

kind for the Royal Air Force's TCW and the 5th MOB.

The 44-year-old flight lieutenant said programs like the exchange officer program are important for sharing valuable technical information.

"What we're finding is that we sometimes share bases," he said. "We exist on the same base, but we don't really integrate on the base. So, I see the exchange program as a way to break down some of those barriers that naturally erect themselves."

Lieutenant Cranswick, has wanted to become an exchange officer since 2003, and finally got the chance when he was selected by the Royal Air Force's Personnel Management Agency for the program.

"Although we're only seven days into it, I've had time to speak with some of the technicians on the ground, and the big difference we have is one of terminology," he said. "But

once you drill down and get underneath that, we're using very similar equipment, processes and procedures."

Lieutenant Williams said the program will help the two forces work together during deployments and enable interoperability.

"Instead of having two infrastructure systems up, one for the U.S and one for the British, if we can find a way to integrate them all, then you might not have to take as much communications equipment over there sometimes," he said. "Also, troubleshooting may become less of a problem. Once we see what they use, maybe that could get somebody to come up with a technical solution to something we've always had a problem with."

Col. John Lent, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, said he is glad to make the seasoned British engineer part of the 5th MOB for the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Flight Lt. Keith Cranswick, commanding officer of the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing's J-Flight, talks on an iridium satellite phone in front of a couple of wideband communication terminals Tuesday.

next few years.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity, both for the Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force," he said. "I had the opportunity to serve in NATO

before I came in this job, so I think this is going to help us with interoperability and help coalition war fighting. He is a welcomed addition to the group."

National Security Personnel System Update

The Department of Defense has published a timeline to conduct training for the labor relations, performance management, and human resource system changes that will occur under the National Security Personnel System.

Staff personnel from the WR-ALC/CCN and DPL offices will attend training and return prepared to conduct training for the management and leadership team and provide information briefings to the work force.

The labor relations training is currently scheduled for

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August. DP is on track to train the management and leadership team and the organizational Designated Management Officials.

We are planning the details to deploy information briefings across the entire work force beginning in late August and will continue the information briefings until we have provided the work force the opportunity to attend a session.

We plan to use the designated management officials and the local CCN/DPL/DPCL labor relations staffs to conduct the information briefings concurrently across the Center in an effort to quickly educate everyone on the changes.

The performance manage-

ment training is scheduled for mid-August and the human resource training is scheduled for mid-September.

We will use the same approach to train and educate the management and leadership team first, and then provide the work force information briefings as quickly as we can work locations, dates and times.

The NSPS implementation plan is event driven. As things change, we will continue to provide updates.

In the interim, we plan to publish the local briefing schedule in early August in an effort to provide the management and leadership team the opportunity to schedule briefing attendance around end-of-year close-out activities.

Public Notice

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE RELEASES GUIDANCE ON RESTORATION OF LEAVE FOR RESERVISTS

In an effort to rectify improper charges to military leave, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) released guidance on the processing of administrative claims as a result of a Federal Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision, Butterbaugh v. Department of Justice.

Prior to a change to the military leave law, 5 USC 6232 (a), effective 21 Dec 00, agencies interpreted and applied 15 days of military leave as calendar days, not as workdays, and charged employees with military leave on non-workdays (e.g., weekends). This resulted in some employees taking leave without pay and/or annual leave to complete reserve duty obligations. In 2003, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in Butterbaugh v. Department of Justice, that agencies should not have charged employees military leave on non-workdays. "We have been waiting on this guidance for quite some time and want to ensure word gets out to all eligible civilians on base. Due to time limits set forth by law, it is important that they review the recently released information and file their claims as soon as possible", stated Ms. Sherry Josey, Lead Human Resource Specialist (Employee Relations), of the Workforce Effectiveness Division, Directorate of Personnel. "The information necessary to file a claim along with helpful questions and answers to clarify the law and the governing guidance are included in the WR-ALC/DP policy memo, 12 Jul 05, Administrative Claims for Annual Leave as a Replacement for Military Leave, which is currently being distributed to all civilian employees", she further stated.

Claim forms must be submitted to DFAS along with the military order(s), the certificate of attendance, and a copy of applicable civilian work schedule (showing nonworkdays) for each period of active duty claimed. Leave and earnings statements which indicate charges to military leave which may include a weekend, nonworkday or a charge to leave without pay may also be submitted to further support the claim.

Claims filed with DFAS will be subject to the Barring Act of 1940 which limits any claim for restored annual leave against the government to a 6 year period. This period will begin 6 years back from claim filing date and end on 21 Dec 00 (date change in law was effected). For example, if an employee filed a claim in 2005, the agency must consider any period of military service between 1999 and 21 Dec 00. As an alternative to filing under the Barring Act, the Department of Defense has advised that a current or former employee/Reservist may choose to file a Butterbaugh claim under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA), codified at sections 4301-4333 of title 38, United States Code. The issue of how far back a USERRA claim may reach is currently in litigation before the Merit Systems Protection Board. Information on filing claims under USERRA is available on the Department of Labor web site in the "E-Laws" section at www.dol.gov.

If you have any questions concerning pay or claim processing, contact the Payroll Office at 6-4022. For leave questions, contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 6-5802/0677.

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Hang time

ALI BASE, Iraq – Maintainers from the 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Airmen from the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron wait here July 16 to load a C-130 Hercules.

Professionalism, integrity, humility – difference between ‘Good and Great?’

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Why does the Air Force continually attempt to mentor, develop and shape us as Airmen?

It's not because the Air Force needs good men and good women; rather, it's because the Air Force needs great men and great women. We need individuals willing to take the personal tools that we've been given and diligently forge them into skills of greatness. Not greatness for ourselves, but greatness for service...service to humanity.

As I reflect on the great men and women that I have been honored to serve with, I have noticed three distinctive characteristics that make the difference between good and great: Professionalism, Integrity, and Humility.

Professionalism is ensuring that the job we are given is

done right. When we complete a task, we must be willing to sign our name to it and consider it a personal beacon, a reflection of who we are and what we bring to the fight. Our deeds define our reputation and our reputation defines our lives.

Our professionalism is measured every day by the passion in which we seek lasting solutions and by the spirit of excellence that we demand of ourselves and of those around us.

Do not be fooled. When the uniform comes off and the duty day is over, professionalism does not get hung in the closet. Our professionalism is not defined by the clock on the wall; rather it is defined by who we are every moment of every day. Whether in blues in parade, BDUs in battle, or jeans at a club downtown, we must all reflect a beacon of professional-

ism that cannot be extinguished.

If professionalism is doing the job right, then integrity is doing the right job. While professionalism is a beacon of our lives, integrity is the banner of our heart. A man or woman who cannot be trusted will not ever reach the level of greatness that our military calling requires.

My father taught me that it takes a long time to build trust and only a moment to lose it. Our lives, what we say, what we sign, and what we claim to believe cannot be laden with folly. In our profession, there is simply too much at stake. Instead, we must build a banner of integrity that is beyond reproach, beyond question.

Finally, it is the virtue of humility that will lead our lives to greatness. We are taught to "do nothing out of vain conceit

or selfish ambition, but in humility consider others greater than ourselves."

A man without humility risks intoxication by his own perceived power. True greatness, the kind of greatness needed throughout our military service, will only be found in those rare individuals that seek wise council, admit when they are wrong, and allow others to take the credit for success.

Professionalism, Integrity, Humility: characteristics that empower our ability to serve. Our individual challenge is to continually develop and improve all three. They simply make the difference between good and great.

This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Jeff Smith, 47th Operations Support Squadron commander.



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander's
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Kudos to Services

A great big kudos to your Services folks. I recently inquired about Myrtle Beach, S.C., discount attraction tickets and found out they were not available at the Information, Tickets and Travel office. Fortunately, I was able to order them by phone through the Naval Air Station Atlanta ITT Office. After returning from my vacation, I called the flight chief, Marsha Sneed, to inquire about the possibility of the Robins ITT office offering Myrtle Beach discount attraction tickets (I also submitted a Services Customer Service online survey). Within one week, the Robins ITT Office made arrangements to offer military vouchers for Myrtle Beach attractions by July 15 – just in time for my next Myrtle Beach vacation. Kudos to Marsha Sneed and Donna Smith of the ITT Office for their quick response.

Commander's reply: Thank you for your kudos to Services staff and recognition of the quick response from our Information, Ticket, and Travel office. We're excited with our recent affiliation in the Military Travel Voucher program that will allow ITT to expand its menu of services and opportunities to our customers. More than 600 hotels and resorts, and over 200 theaters and other attractions at major destinations throughout the U.S. and Canada accept the vouchers. The program offers discounted, prepaid reservation and admission services. Purchase of the military vouchers is restricted to eligible patrons or DoD Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs, including Active Duty, Active Reserve and National Guard, retired military, DoD civilian employees and family members. The voucher program simplifies and helps hotels, theaters, small theme parks and other attractions reach the military market of more than 10 million potential customers.

Specific to your request, the following attractions for Myrtle Beach that accept vouchers include, but are not limited to, the Dixie Stampede Dinner Theater & Show, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park, Myrtle Beach Wave Water Park, Ripley's Aquarium, and the Palace Theatre at Broadway. A number of Hampton Inn and Red Roof Inn locations in Myrtle Beach also participate in the program. We look forward to assisting you with your upcoming vacation at Myrtle Beach.

‘Dear Roz’

Q: Can you please tell me what a competency based system is? What is the difference from today's system and why the change?

A: In today's system you are rated on the duty statements in your core-doc. Under NSPS, assuming a competency based approach, you will be rated on the specified competencies deemed important to your position.

In the survey, there are nine competencies: technical proficiency, critical thinking, cooperation/teamwork, communication, customer focus, manages resources, achieving results, leadership, and supervision. If these competencies, or factors, are actually adopted then it's easy to see the difference in how ratings will work -- the core-doc focuses almost exclusively on technical proficiency whereas the other factors are typically implied in today's system. The NSPS evaluation will involve a more whole-person or

holistic approach that covers a much broader range of performance expectations and is intended to enhance the overall performance of the organization -- individual and/or team performance will be linked to the organizational mission. This linkage should drive enhanced performance over time.

The competencies or factors would "likely" apply differently to different pay levels (grades) due to the expectation that higher level employees have to use different behaviors than do lower level employees -- for example, relative to critical thinking, a lower level employee may have to think through how a regulation interpretation resolves a problem whereas a senior manager may have to consider the regulation as well as the external environmental issues that impact his/her organization while solving problems.

If you have not taken the time to

complete the survey, I recommend that you do so. It has several descriptors that indicate the importance of each of the above factors/competencies. The survey can be found at <http://pfsurvey.net/nsps/> and provides some insight into how the new system may work.

I hope this helps.

Editor's note: DoD has extended the NSPS Performance Factor Survey until Wednesday. The survey may be found at <http://www.pfsurvey.net/nsps>. Additional information regarding the survey may be found on the DoD NSPS Web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/index.html.

Rosalind 'Roz' Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees' NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind 'Roz' Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of July 11 through 17, two members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

►An airman first class made a false official statement and altered

assignment orders. **Punishment:** Reduction to airman and 15 days extra duty.

►An airman first class failed to obey a lawful order by possessing alcohol in the dormitory. **Punishment:** Forfeiture of \$75 pay

per month for 2 months and 7 days extra duty.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

Lines of communication



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JOSHUA STRANG

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Airman 1st Class Broderick Williams traces a jumper connection to a building here Monday. He is a voice network technician with the 354th Communications Squadron.

DoD changes emergency data form to prevent heartaches

By **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Two sad cases recently highlighted the need for servicemembers to designate who should receive their remains if they are killed in action.

The Defense Department has changed the Record of Emergency Data Form – DD Form 93 – to require servicemembers to designate exactly who should be declared the “person authorized to direct disposition” of remains.

The change grew out of the cases of a Soldier and a Marine killed in Iraq earlier this year. In both cases, the men – both unmarried – had not designated

a person authorized to direct disposition, and their parents were divorced.

“The tragedy of loss in the two cases was compounded for the surviving parents because neither one was granted sole custody of the servicemember when they were divorced,” said John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

With no one specified as to whom should receive their remains, the services followed long-standing rules. In these cases, the older parent received the remains. In the Soldier’s case, burial was delayed for weeks until a court ruled on the situation. The Marine’s case is still pending.

‘Families First’ to transform personal moves

By **LAWANDA YORK**
Military Surface Deployment and
Distribution Command

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The process of servicemembers moving their household goods – virtually unchanged for many years – is about to transform.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command here is developing a new process called “Families First,” scheduled to launch Feb. 1, 2006.

“We are extremely proud to introduce this absolutely transformed personal property program that will provide many benefits and safeguards to individual servicemembers,” said Army Maj. Gen. Charles W. Fletcher Jr., head of SDDC and leading proponent for Families First.

Families First is designed to alleviate some of the stress of moving by involving the servicemembers in the process and giving them a voice in how their personal property is moved. The process focuses on meeting the customers’ needs by promoting a first-rate moving experience.

Working closely with the military services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Congress, SDDC partnered with the trade associations of the American moving industry to create the program.

“Families First is dedicated to supporting the armed force’s most important stakeholders, the military and civilian service customers,” said Thomas Hicks, the command’s program director for personal property moves. “Our commitment to the warfighter runs parallel to our support to the invaluable work provided by American and international transportation service providers.

“The working partnership between the moving industry and the U.S. military is a longstanding, mutually productive and positive relationship,” Mr. Hicks said.

Every year, about 500,000 servicemembers and civilian employees move to new duty stations. This comprises the biggest moving population in the United States, making the stakes high for both the customer and the transportation service provider. The partnership between the two will soon enter a new dimension.

Presently, transportation service providers are selected based on the lowest cost, with little consideration for performance.

Under Families First, transportation offices will use a “best value” approach that focuses on performance. Most moving business will be awarded to transportation service providers who do the best work as measured by the customer. That customer, the servicemember, will exercise his or her voice by completing a Web-based customer satisfaction survey to measure the performance of their movers.

“We all share the goal of providing the best customer service to those who deserve it the most, the American servicemember,” Mr. Hicks said. “Families First unites the moving industry, the (military) services and SDDC in a sensible and cooperative manner to achieve this goal.

Transportation service providers providing the best service will receive the most business. This emphasis on customer satisfaction is expected to stimulate better quality work from all transportation service providers.

Currently, servicemembers may only receive a depreciated value for property lost or damaged beyond repair in a move. In the new program, a person is entitled to the current replacement value of the item.

There are some exceptions where the transportation service provider may replace the lost or damaged item with a comparable used item. The exceptions list includes boats, personal watercraft, ultralight aircraft, pianos, musical organs, firearms, art objects, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Today, moving claims are handled through the closest military claims office. In Families First, servicemembers file a claim directly with the transportation service provider using SDDC’s Web-based claim filing process, a part of SDDC’s new Defense Personal Property System. If no settlement is reached within 30 days, a servicemember may transfer the claim to the servicing military claims office.

In all claims processing, maximum transportation service provider limit of liability increases to \$50,000 – up from the current \$40,000.

Presently, servicemembers receive pre-move information from the local transportation office or the Department of Defense pamphlet entitled “It’s Your Move.” In Families First, servicemembers have an added

WHAT TO KNOW

Families First promotes customer satisfaction through:

► Full-replacement value for property lost or damaged beyond repair.

► Direct claims settlement between the servicemember and transportation service provider.

► Web-based counseling option.

► Increased emphasis on direct deliveries – reducing temporary storage requirements.

option and convenience to receive pre-move counseling through SDDC’s Web-based Defense Personal Property System.

The program encourages door-to-door moves with the

goal of sharply reducing temporary storage. Temporary storage results in more handling, delay and expense, all of which increases risk to the shipment.

“Under the new program, we will work closely with the services to synchronize member relocations so most moves may be door to door,” Mr. Hicks said. “This initiative emphasizes customer convenience and reduces the need for the double handling of property.”

Additionally, Families First provides a payment program feature that automates payments to transportation service providers. The introduction of automated PowerTrack payments for transportation service providers allows them to be paid for their moves within five to seven days, a special benefit to the small-business-owner sector of the moving industry. PowerTrack assists their business operations by eliminating payment delays and providing a consistency to their cash flow.



Staff Sgt. Alex Jacobs rides a jet ski at Lake Tobesofkee's Sandy Beach Monday. Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group and their families attended the annual safety day.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

A (safe) place in the sun

19th Air Refueling Group celebrates safety with day of fun

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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Members of the 19th Air Refueling Group traded in their boots and flightsuits for sandals, shorts and a day of fun in the sun Monday during their annual safety fair.

The servicemembers and their families were all invited to Lake Tobesofkee's Sandy Beach where they relaxed while also learning how to protect themselves on and off duty.

Tech. Sgt. Bart Craven, of the 19th ARG safety office, organizes the yearly event and said its purpose is twofold.

"We are celebrating the 101 most critical days of summer which are statistically the most dangerous part of the year for Air Force members," he said. "We come out to show support for what they do during the year such as deployments and so forth, and to reemphasize safety."

Sergeant Craven said while the day's theme is safety, the fair is also for family time.

"It's great for the families to get together," he said. "Everyone has a good time and every year we get great feedback. This year we've got Grainger Safety, Outback Steakhouse doing lunch and Big Dog Choppers out of Atlanta, so we have a lot of things for the folks to come out and enjoy."

Since the safety fair is sort of his "pet project," the sergeant said the hard work of making it all come together makes him feel proud.

"It makes me feel good to see people out here enjoying themselves," he said. "I start preparing for the event in January, and I don't stop until everything comes together. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun at the same time."

In addition to water sports, swimming and relaxing on the beach, the fair included safety exhibits, free food and demon-



Emma Powers and 13-month-old Michelle enjoy the water .

strations by local companies and agencies.

"We address both on duty and off duty safety whether it's fall protection when they are working with heights or personal protective equipment if they are working with chemicals," he said. "When they are off duty swimming, boating or driving, we make sure they have a plan for



Col. Steve Bernard is the 19th Air Refueling Group commander.

that as well."

Col. Steve Bernard, 19th ARG commander said the event is important because it lets everyone know that for the 19th ARG safety always comes first.

"You can't over emphasize safety," he said. "It's got to be something engrained in your daily work habits and to be able to come out here with your family and enjoy it in an atmosphere where it's fun versus sitting through another meeting it really brings it home."

April Davis, wife of Airman 1st Class Ben Davis, a 99th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, said she has learned a lot of safety in her first safety fair.

"I'm also looking forward



19th ARG members enjoy a break from their daily work routines to enjoy Safety Day at Lake Tobesofkee Monday.

Dwayne Jolley, with Grainger Industrial Supply, helps Master Sgt. Rodney McPhail try on a lighted traffic safety vest.



The 19th ARG members enjoy a cookout catered by a local steakhouse.

to meeting a lot of new people," she said. "It's great when we all get together. You always meet someone you haven't met before."

First Lt. Peter Gruters agreed: "It was nice to get out of the office for a day and enjoy this camaraderie with the whole group," he said.

TODAY

Register for the Kids Play Golf pee wee clinic to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cost is \$50 for ages 4 to 6. Classes are limited to the first 10 paid customers. Register at the pro shop. For more information, call the golf course at 926-4103.

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will host the WR-ALC 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater. Outstanding civilian and military performers from the Center will be recognized. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

Youth fall sports registration has been extended for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer at the youth center. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for more details, visit the center, located in Building 1021, or call 926-2110.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

The Joint Forces bingo has new surprises and door prizes, and is located in the east wing of the enlisted club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with bar bingo at 6 p.m. and games at 7:15 p.m. Games are 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DoD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information, call 926-4515.

SATURDAY

There will be a 5K and 10K road race at 8 a.m. For more information, call 926-2128.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members.

World Wrestling Entertainment Vengeance is the scheduled entertainment at the Enlisted Club at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. For more information, call 926-4515

MONDAY

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to participate in the "Be a Bookworm" summer reading program at the Base Library through Aug. 1 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. To register, visit the Library, Building 905, or call 327-7380.

Hook Up 2 Bowling will be held today, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. This clinic includes group instruction and on-lane lessons by pro bowler Jeff Herman. Those who complete the program will receive a bowling ball, bag and towel. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for children 17 and younger. For more information, call 926-2112.

TUESDAY

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program Middle Georgia Chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers' Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

A Single Airmen/Unaccompanied Member's Dinner will be held at Robins Park, 4-6 p.m. The menu will feature grilled chicken and ribs, baked beans, cole slaw and rolls. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Tabitha N. David at 926-2821.

Are you ready to celebrate summer?



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Robins Park. There will be a fireworks show over Duck Lake around 9:20 p.m. Rides and attractions will include: two climbing walls, hoops basketball challenge, adrenaline rush obstacle course, 9-hole miniature golf course, passenger train, kiddy city, spinning strawberry, merry-go-round, wave of fire slide, swing ride, and turbo tubs ride. For \$5, people can purchase a wristband which will allow them to ride all the rides. Admission is free for children ages 2 and younger. For more information, call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday at the Enlisted Club from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be at 11 a.m. at the Officers' Club ballroom. Dianna Glymph, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program president, will be the guest speaker. Cost to attend is \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. You must R.S.V.P. by July 25 with a ticket representative: Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Pam Boyd at 222-0386 or Cynthia Drosos at 222-2383.

Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368 meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

The Federal Managers Association's Chapter 121 is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Award. Military and civilian supervisors or managers at all levels are eligible if they have made significant contributions in 2004-2005. For more information, call Sandra Portz at 926-3628. Nomination packages must be delivered to 78th ABWW/PPP, Building 376, Room 469, or forwarded to sandra.portz@robins.af.mil, no later than close of business Wednesday.

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

A dinner dance will be held at the officers' club from 6 - 9 p.m. Dancing will be from 7 - 11 p.m. in the ballroom with musical entertainment by Bob Cummings. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club. For

more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the enlisted club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment.

Kids buffets with fun and games are held at the officers' club from 5 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$2.95. For more information, call 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABWW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony July 29, 3:30 p.m., at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective First Sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

A junior club championship is scheduled for July 30 at 2 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, call 926-4103.

A Monte Carlo night, with black-jack, Texas Hold 'Em, roulette and more, is slated for July 30 from 7 - 11 p.m. at the officers' club. Enjoy free hors d'oeuvre, \$300 in poker money, two free beverage tickets and breakfast at 11 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

The 2005 Robins Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony will be Aug. 5 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and the dinner and ceremony starts at 6:30. Attire for military members is mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform and formal attire for civilians. Tickets cost \$21 for club members and \$23 for non-club members. Please sign up with your Unit First Sergeants no later than July 22.

Past and current 34th Maintenance Squadron, 402nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and 622nd CLSS members are invited to attend a reunion picnic Aug. 13, beginning at noon at the picnic pavilion by the Fitness Center. To R.S.V.P., call 926-3115 or 926-2912 by Aug. 5.

Letters of intent for flag football are due by Aug. 5. For more information, call 926-2128.

The Fitness Center will be starting a tennis league with a pre-season tournament Aug. 10 - 12. Regular league play will begin Aug. 16. Interested players need to sign up with their sports representative or at the fitness center by Aug. 5. The league will have an A and B division for both men and women for singles and doubles. A players' meeting will be held Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Siudzinski or Kenneth Porter at 926-2128.

Robins Company Grade Officers' Association will hold its summer social and membership drive Aug. 19, from 3 -8 p.m. at the Officers' Club poolside patio. All commanders, CGOs, and their families are invited to this free evening of swimming, food, fun and games. Activities include Texas Hold'em style poker, volleyball, and horseshoe tournaments, as well as a variety of games for kids. There will also be a game of Assassins running throughout the night. Dress is summer attire or swimsuit. To attend, R.S.V.P. by Aug. 10 to Capt. Aaron Neiss at 222-0127 or aaron.neiss@robins.af.mil; or 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz at 926-3443 or eric.florschuetz@robins.af.mil.

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a special activities coffee Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation (Hanger One). Representatives from base and community organizations will be on hand to provide helpful information about Middle Georgia. Get out of the house and enjoy OSC special activities, clubs and volunteer opportunities including: bowling, book club, bridge, bunko, golf, mahjongg, play group, scrap booking, tennis, thrift shop, and tours. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Nandalee Sarandos, OSC president, at 953-8137, 442-1567 or RobinsOSC@gmail.com or Heather Walrath, OSC membership, at 218-0493 or hhllw@hotmail.com.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl
Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley
(doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Ten -year-old Max is an out-cast who has become lost in his fantasy world. But when he realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes. Now, Max is blasting off on a mission to Planet Drool where his superhero friends Sharkboy and Lavagirl live, and where the evil Mr. Electric threatens to do away with all dreams forever.
Rated PG (mild action and some rude humor) 93 minutes

SATURDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Smith
Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt

John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret - they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs.
Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language) 120 minutes

UPCOMING

July 29: The Perfect Man
July 30: Batman Begins
Aug. 5: Herbie:Fully Loaded
Aug. 6: War of the Worlds

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Jennifer Cook, WRALC/GBZRKIS. Point of contact is Bridgitte C. Morgan at 222-4707.

Caye Thompson, 78thMSS/DPCSA. Point of contact is Linda Veal at 222-0664.

Item manager helps at risk kids stay out of trouble

By **Lanorris Askew**
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When he’s not working as an item manager in the C-17 product directorate or coaching the Air Force basketball team, John Bailey spends his “extra” time helping at risk youth stay out of trouble.

Two of those pastimes merged recently when he and his team of Air Force hoopsters made a visit to the Robins Fitness Center July 12 and 13 to play in an exhibition game against the Macon Police Department’s Midnight All-Star team.

“I’m a community coordinator with the Macon Police Department,” said Bailey. “I coach the East Macon team, and we had talked about doing this for about four months.”

Bailey said the Midnight Basketball program gives kids from age 16 to 26 a place to stay out of trouble on Fridays and Saturdays.

“If they’re in the gym at that time they are less likely to commit crime. We got a grant from Washington D.C. to put these kids into a structured environment.”

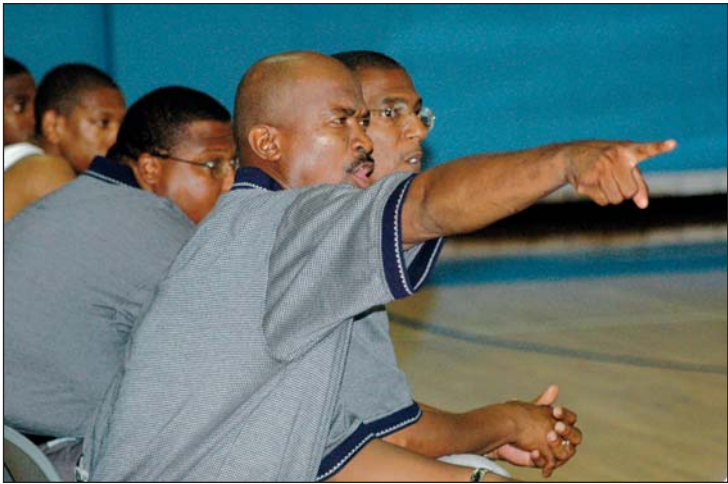
Bailey has been with the program for two years and is proud of what it has accomplished.

“A lot of these guys are at risk kids and we’ve had some great success stories,” he said. “We have about 10 of them that are in college.”

He’s also proud of the Air Force Team, which won the first game of the two-night tournament.

“The team is training in Charleston, but I talked my project officer into coming up here to put on an exhibition for two days,” he said.

Last year, Bailey was one of two people from Robins chosen to represent the United States in



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John Bailey coaches the 2005 All-Air Force Basketball team July 12.

the crème de la crème of military basketball competitions, the 41st Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, or SHAPE, Men’s International Basketball Championship.

His history of 10 years on the all Air Force team when he was active duty put his name high on the list of choices, and his selection as the All Air Force head coach for the 2005 season has him hoping to get a chance at head coach for this year’s SHAPE tournament.

For right now, though, he’s focused on being a good coach and helping his team win in the Armed Forces tournament, which began Tuesday. When asked what he thinks makes a good coach, he said being able to put yourself in the players’ shoes.

“Being a former player myself, understanding the situation these guys are being put in, and I think being sympathetic and understanding are the ingredients of a good coach,” he said.

One of those who can attest to his coaching ability is another member of Team Robins, Senior Airman Keith Ward.

This is his first year on the team. The 16th Airborne Command and Control

Squadron Airborne Operations technician has loved the game his entire life.

“I played high school ball and I played with the base team for two years,” he said. “Then I tore my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) and was unable to play last season. I’m coming off that injury now.”

The shooting guard said it takes a variety of ingredients to make a good player.

“It takes heart, passion for the game and desire to win to make a good player,” he said. “You also must know your role and give it 100 percent all of the time. If you don’t, a good coach will see it.”

Bailey agreed: “Having the ability to play, having the smarts to think basketball and being coachable are the intangibles of being a good player.”

For 27 days Bailey and his coaching staff will work to bring home an Air Force victory, but he said those who make his absence possible have a role in it too.

“I’m thankful to the Robins community for allowing me to be able to do this from the base commander to the wing commander to my commander,” he said.

Death benefits, insurance increase for servicemembers

By **ARMY SGT. SARA WOOD**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Compensation for the survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones and insurance coverage for servicemembers will both increase significantly this year.

An increase in death gratuity benefits from \$12,500 to \$100,000 already has taken effect, and Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance maximum coverage will increase to \$400,000 starting Sept. 1, said Col. Virginia Penrod, director of military compensation.

The increase in death benefits

took effect May 11 and is dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001, Colonel Penrod said. This means that survivors of servicemembers who died between Oct. 7, 2001, and May 11, 2005, will receive the increased benefits, as will survivors of servicemembers who die from May 11 on, she said.

The increased benefits are for survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones, combat operations and combat-related situations, she said. Combat-related situations include airborne duty, combat training, demolition duty and training exercises.

A policy designating combat

areas and situations was given to the individual services in June, and each service is now reviewing cases. Payments already have begun, but the process of identifying and paying eligible survivors could take several months, the colonel said.

When the increase in SGLI coverage takes effect Sept. 1, it also will be dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001. Survivors of servicemembers who died in a combat zone, combat operations or combat-related situations between the October date and Sept. 1 will receive \$150,000 in transitional insurance, which will bring them to \$400,000.

Besides the increased cover-

age, DOD will pay premiums of \$150,000 for servicemembers involved in combat operations or deployed to a combat zone.

The increase of these two benefits came about as a result of a 2004 study evaluating the adequacy of death benefits for servicemembers. The study found that benefits were adequate, but did not recognize the unique sacrifice made by servicemembers who die in combat situations, Colonel Penrod said.

“There was concern that we weren’t recognizing direct sacrifice of life in service to our nation,” she said. “That’s how the increase was made for those particular situations.”

FEHB premiums extended for Reserve component members

Air Force Personnel Center News Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Department of Defense civilian employees called to active duty in support of a contingency operation may continue their Federal Employees’ Health Benefits coverage, and have the agency pay their share of the premiums, for up to 24 months.

This applies only to Reserve component civilian employees called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after Sept. 14, 2001.

The law extended coverage from 18 to 24 months, and provides that agency-paid premi-

TO BE ELIGIBLE

- Must be a civilian employee of the DoD at the time called to perform active duty.
- Must be called to active duty on or after Sept. 14, 2001.
- Must be enrolled in FEHB and elect to continue the enrollment while on active duty.
- Must be a member of a Reserve component of the U. S. armed forces.
- Must be called or ordered to active duty (voluntarily or involuntarily) in support of a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13).
- Must be placed on leave without pay or separated from federal civilian service to perform active duty.
- Must serve on active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

ums start the date an employee is placed on leave without pay or separated from civil service

to perform active duty. Previously, coverage and agency payment of premiums

began the date the employee entered on active duty.

“The Benefits and Entitlement Service team has automatically extended from 18 to 24 months the coverage and agency-paid premiums for Air Force-serviced employees currently on active duty whose FEHB coverage has not yet been terminated, and who meet the above eligibility requirements,” said Janet Thomas, of Air Force Personnel Center’s civilian Benefits and Entitlement Service Team.

For more information, call 1-800-616-3775 or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/docs/FEHB_24_Months.pdf.

Reservists airlift dolphin to Florida

By **TECH. SGT. JAMES B. PRITCHETT**
403rd Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — No one knows how or why a rough-toothed dolphin, ended up near death on a Texas beach last August; however, his journey home drew national attention July 15 when he was loaded onto a C-130J Hercules for a flight to Florida.

A crew from Air Force Reserve Command’s 815th Airlift Squadron here was on an unrelated mission when told their help was needed.

“We transport a lot of things for the Air Force and for other services, but this is definitely one of the more unusual missions I’ve ever supported,” said Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson, a loadmaster.

“Anytime we are able to help out with a humanitarian mission, whether it’s carrying hurricane relief supplies in the (United States) or air dropping food in foreign countries, I’m always proud to be a part of those missions,” said Master Sgt. Steve Campanella, a 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief.

When Noah was first brought into the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, he had several infections including ulcerations in his esophageal tract which prevented him from eating his normal diet, said Lea Walker, regional director. He also had an infection in his gums that caused them to swell and cover his teeth.

“That’s how he got the name Noah,” Ms. Walker said. “When we first saw him we thought he was very old and didn’t have any teeth.”

It turned out Noah was a middle-aged dolphin between 17 and 22 years old, and showed a determination to live from the beginning. Ms. Walker and her team of more than 30 volunteers nursed Noah back to health in a



U.S. Air Force photo by **TECH. SGT. JAMES B. PRITCHETT**
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas -- Senior Master Sgt. Todd Patterson and Lea Walker, right, spend time with Noah, a rescued dolphin, on a C-130J Hercules en route to Florida.

warehouse in Corpus Christi, Texas. There is a large tank in the warehouse, 40 feet across and filled with 40,000 gallons of salt water where the team treats injured dolphins like Noah.

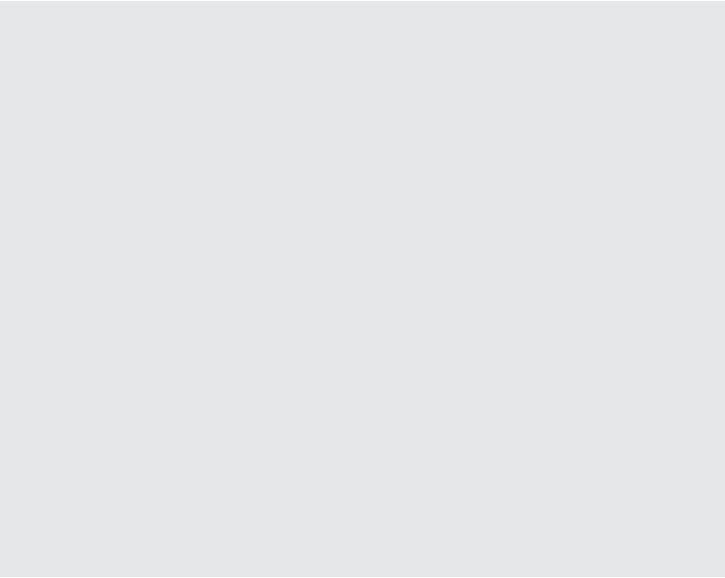
To move the more than 300-pound dolphin, Ms. Walker’s team had to construct a transport box about 10 feet long and 3 feet wide. He was picked up in a harness and moved over into the box where he laid on air mattresses during the trip.

When the team arrived at the aircraft, Ms. Walker brought along a small group of handlers who have worked with Noah, and Dr. Tim Tristan, a veterinarian with the Texas State

Aquarium. Dr. Tristan kept Noah sedated during the move and monitored his condition. The others kept him wet using sprayers filled with water and kept him calm by talking to him and touching him.

“We are very grateful to the Air Force Reserve for allowing this crew to come and help us move Noah,” Ms. Walker said. “I don’t know how we would have done it without them. Now I can relax, knowing that Noah is going to be OK.”

After landing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Noah was brought to Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City, Fla., where he joined three other dolphins.



All in a day’s work



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BRITTANY MITCHELL
Volunteer Worker
Fitness Center

‘I’ve been a volunteer worker here about a month now. I do things like answer phones, keep up the towel rack, clean equipment, and help people who come in get registered on the computer. Right now I’m putting up the Yellow WBGT flag (Wet Bulb Globe Temperature) in front of the center. It lets people working out (outdoors) know how often they should take breaks and drink water. We check on this indicator every hour and update the color of the flag when needed.

‘I will be in the 10th grade at Warner Robins High School this year. I’m working through the YES program (Youth Employment Skills) with the Teen Center. I get points for hours worked to earn a scholarship. I like the job a lot. I meet new people.’

Editor’s note: The WBGT index is also listed on the Robins Air Force Base Home page explaining flag colors and what they mean.